

The decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to show the anti-Kerry political ad in the guise of "News" is a disgusting abuse of the public trust given to the station free of charge by the American people. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a blatant violation of their sacred obligation to air only clearly unbiased and factual information. As an American citizen, I am one of the owners of the airwaves from which this group earns its fortune, for them to force on me lies and half truths is unthinkable. For me, it is as vulgar as Ms. Jackson baring her breasts during the Superbowl. It is time for the FCC to stand up and stop the massive corporate abuse of the public air waves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.